



# City of Rowlett

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, April 6, 2010

5:30 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

**Present:** Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Rushing and Councilmember Jackson

**Absent:** Councilmember Kilgore

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harper called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no Executive Session items.

#### RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

#### 3. WORK SESSION ITEMS (5:30 P.M.)

- 3A.** Updates from Dallas County Commissioner Mike Cantrell, Rockwall County Commissioner Jerry Wimpee (Precinct One) and Commissioner Lorie Grinnan (Precinct Two). (20 minutes)

Commissioner Cantrell spoke regarding the county budget challenges, various construction projects, President George Bush Turnpike, and lake deposits.

Commissioner Wimpee spoke regarding regional connections, the Courthouse Project and the 2010 Census.

Commissioner Grinnan spoke regarding various road and parks projects, budget challenges, and the recent Veteran's Memorial Design Contest for Rockwall County.

- 3B.** Discuss the consideration of the location of bidder's principal place of business when awarding bids. (15 minutes)

Staff explained the steps that were taken to look at giving preference to local vendors for City contracts. Spoke regarding advantages and disadvantages of using local vendors.

State the number of local vendors that qualify for current contracts is rather small.

Concerns were voiced regarding opportunities for local vendors.

- 3C.** Update and presentation on Playful City USA. (10 minutes)

Staff explained Playful City USA. Stated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is in full support of this program.

Council came to a consensus to move forward with this project.

- 3D.** Discussion of incentivizing the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems by waiving permit fees. (20 minutes)

This item followed Item 3F.

Staff explained the process and encouraged Council to choose Option 3.

Council gave a consensus for Option 3.

- 3E.** Discuss Falcon Drive Public Improvement District (PID) and provide staff with direction. (20 minutes)

This item followed Item 3C.

Staff gave a brief history of the Falcon Drive PID process. Staff answered financial questions regarding having the Dallas County Tax Collector administer collecting the fees.

Council unanimously gave consensus to move forward with this item.

- 3F.** Update on Merritt Road Phase I, Section 1A. (15 minutes)

Staff gave an update regarding the construction project. Spoke regarding a hike and bike trail.

Councilmember Rushing left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Item 10D was removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually. Clarification was made on Item 10J stating U. S. Senate Bill 1611 and House Bill 413 are an attempt to remove pay impediments to allow for collective bargaining. And comments were made regarding Item 10F.

**CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)**

Convened into the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

**5. INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Frank Solis, The River Church.

**6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harper.

**7. TEXAS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Texas Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harper.

**8. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**8A. Proclamation recognizing the week of April 11 – 17, 2010 as National Library Week.**

Mayor Harper presented Kathy Cockcroft, Library Director with a proclamation recognizing National Library Week.

**8B. Presentation of 2009 Achievement of Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.**

Mayor Harper presented Kathy Cockcroft, Library Director, with the 2009 Achievement of Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.

- 8C.** Proclamation recognizing the week of April 11 – 17, 2010 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Mayor Harper presented Matt Walling, Police Chief, John Ellison, Lee Castiglione, Monica Lang and Ben Spotswood with a proclamation recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

- 8D.** Hear presentation of the Monthly Financial report for the period ending February 28, 2010.

Staff gave a brief presentation regarding the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending February 29, 2010.

- 8E.** Update from the Mayor: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest, and Items of Community Interests.

Mayor Harper gave a brief update to the Council on the various activities in the City including the work completed by the Leadership Rowlett Class at the Rowlett Community Centre, the state of the economy, updates for the President George Bush Turnpike and the DART Blue Line Extension, the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update, Senior Health Fair and the east side of Miller Road Bridge will have water pipe repairs from April 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>, the Chamber of Commerce Job Fair will occur on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Rowlett Community Centre, Keep Rowlett Beautiful will meet on April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Aldi's Ribbon-cutting Ceremony will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> and Diversity Day will be on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Harper recognized Wayne Baxter to announce the Rowlett PARDners Foundation First Annual Wine & Cheese Extravaganza to be held April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Rowlett Community Centre.

**9. CITIZENS' INPUT**

No one spoke during the Citizens' Input portion of the meeting.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

Item 10D was removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

The City Secretary read the items into the record.

- 10A.** Consider approving minutes from the March 16, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

- 10B.** Consider a resolution endorsing the Cities Aggregation Power Project, Inc. 2010 Legislative/Sunset Hearing agenda.

**This item was approved as RES-019-10 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 10C.** Consider a resolution awarding a bid to APAC-Texas, Inc. for the purchase of hot mix asphalt in the unit amounts bid for an annual estimated amount not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) through the interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement with Dallas County for the Street Department.

**This item was approved as RES-020-10 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 10D.** Consider a resolution awarding the bid for the replacement of forty-nine air conditioning units at nine City buildings to Enviro Engineering L.L.C. in the amount of two hundred seventy-seven thousand nine hundred dollars (\$277,900) and authorizing the execution of necessary documents for said purchase.

This item was pulled to be considered individually.

Mayor Harper read the item into the record.

Comments were made regarding the amount of money the City saved with the City requesting new bids. Since the funding for the project are federal funds, the City was able to use the General Service Administration (GSA) pricing which resulted in the additional savings.

Staff stated with the savings, additional air conditioning units may be funded with the stimulus money.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gottel to approve the resolution. This item was adopted as RES-021-10. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Ayes: 5 – Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Councilmember Phillips, and Councilmember Jackson**

**Absent: 2 – Councilmember Rushing and Councilmember Kilgore**

- 10E.** Consider a resolution approving the purchase of the repair of the precast concrete wall along Dalrock Road to Superior Concrete Products in the unit amounts bid attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A in an amount not to exceed sixty-eight thousand three hundred sixty-eight dollars and thirty cents (\$68,368.30).

**This item was approved as RES-022-10 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 10F.** Consider a resolution approving the final acceptance of the 2009 Bi-annual Contract for Concrete Repair/Maintenance, Part B, and to release retainage in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand one hundred one dollars and fifty-six cents (\$150,101.56) plus the accrued interest on the retainage to Tri-Con Services, Incorporated and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A.

**This item was approved as RES-023-10 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 10G.** Consider an ordinance amending the *Rowlett Development Code (RDC)* as it pertains to residential accessory structures.

**This item was approved as ORD-005-10 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 10H.** Consider a resolution rejecting bids for mowing services for Sections II and III and allow staff to rebid the mowing services for these sections for the Parks Department.

**This item was approved as RES-024-10 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 10I.** Consider a resolution extending Section II Mowing Services Bid for thirty-five (35) days to Ely Tree and Landscape in an amount not to exceed thirty-four thousand two hundred twenty-six dollars and eighty cents (\$34,226.80) which will allow time for staff to rebid the mowing services for this section for the Parks Department.

**This item was approved as RES-025-10 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 10J.** Consider a resolution opposing U. S. Senate Bill 1611 and House Bill 413 regarding mandatory collective bargaining for all municipal emergency service personnel.

**This item was approved as RES-026-10 on the Consent Agenda.**

## **Passed The Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto, seconded by Councilmember Jackson, including all the preceding items marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: 5 – Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Councilmember Phillips, and Councilmember Jackson**

**Absent: 2 – Councilmember Rushing and Councilmember Kilgore**

## **11. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

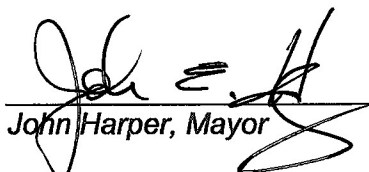
There were no items to be considered individually.

## **TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

No actions were taken following the Executive Session.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Harper adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

  
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John Harper, Mayor

Date Approved: April 20, 2010

  
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Stacey Chadwick, Deputy City Secretary

